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Cougars topple Cowgirls

The BYU women's basketball team advanced to the MWC semifinals after defeating Wyoming 82-69 in Las Vegas on Wednesday.

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2002 Paralympics action begins today

Alpine Paralympian ready for world-class competition

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Some people plan to accomplish great things in their lives. But Keith Barney does not plan.

He achieves.

Barney, a paraplegic from Alpine, was a spectator at the 1996 Paralympics. He saw the Opening Ceremonies in Atlanta and set a goal that day to go to the Paralympics as an athlete.

www.paralympics2002.com

Paralympian Keith Barney, an Alpine resident, will compete in the biathlon and 5k cross-country ski events during the 2002 Paralympic Games.

Despite a painful elbow injury, Barney will ski the biathlon and the five-kilometer cross-country race in the Salt Lake 2002 Paralympics. He will go in for elbow surgery the day after competition.

"It takes determination to decide to live after a disability," Barney said. "It takes even more determination to compete at a world-class level."

For Barney it was a reorganization of commitment and lifestyle.

Barney has competed in wheelchair sports for as long as his wife, Trish Barney, can remember.

"He's always wanted to excel at sports," Trish Barney said. "If I had the opportunity, I would not tell him 'no you can't.'"

She said their family has had to work around schedules and stretch expenses, but for them it has not been much of a sacrifice.

According to his wife, Keith Barney is a natural athlete and always fit for a race. Trish said hand-cycling is his first love.

He decided he would like to try for the Paralympic hand-cycling team. He planned on attending the 2000 Sydney Games, but hand-cycling was not put on the Paralympic agenda in time. The International Paralympics Committee has promised to make hand-cycling a part of the 2004 Games in Greece.

It was at a hand-cycling competition that coaches of the Nordic ski team approached Barney to convince him to join their team.

Trish Barney said he was not really interested, but started attending yearly Nordic skiing training camps. Last March at the World Cup, using skis he got the night before, Barney qualified for the Paralympic team.

"This is the hardest sport I've ever tried," Barney said. "You have to have the right mindset to do Nordic skiing."

Barney said if he had known the Paralympics were going to be so much fun, he would have done it years ago.

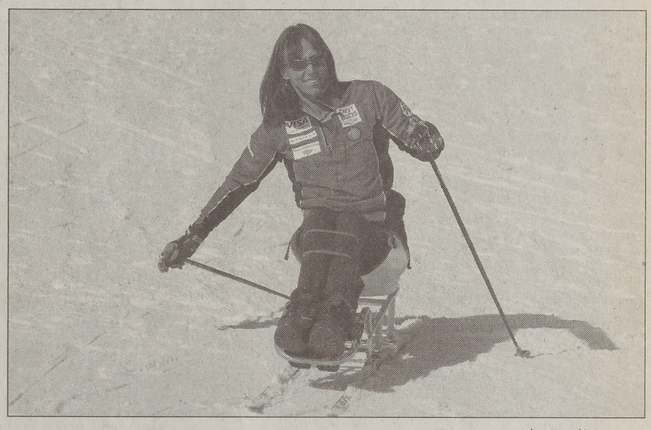
"It's interesting to see how people solved the same problem you solved," he said.

Barney has been competing in world-class events for about six years and in national competitions for over 20 years.

A teammate from St. Petersburg, Fla., Scott McNeice said Barney will be a strong contender in the biathlon Friday.

Barney and McNeice met in 1998 at the national hand-cycling championships and have been skiing and cycling together since then.

"Barney's a great guy; I have a great admiration for him," McNeice said. "He's married, he has kids, he works, he competes and he trains. He does it all."



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Paralympian Candace Cable skis down the slope at Snow Park Lodge, in Deer Valley Resort in Park City, Summit County. The 2002 Paralympic Winter Games Opening Ceremonies are tonight.

Opening Ceremonies kick off competition

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The 2002 Winter Olympics Opening and Closing Ceremonies boasted performers such as KISS, N*SYNC, Sting and Bon Jovi.

Today's Paralympic Opening Ceremonies entertainment follows up with an all-star lineup of talented performers.

"It really is going to be a phenomenal event," said Joy Kohnken, spokeswoman for the Paralympics.

Performers including Stevie Wonder, Wynonna, Donnie Osmond, violinist Vanessa-Mae and country singer Billy Gilman will entertain viewers, along with nearly 1,000 additional cast members ranging from five to 45 years old, Kohnken said.

University of Utah's Rice-Eccles Stadium will host the entertainment spectacular kicking off this years' Paralympic Games, which celebrate the achievements of athletes from 36 countries.

Only 10 days after the end of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, Salt Lake welcomes a whole new group of athletes.

Nancy Volmer, spokesperson for the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, said the Opening Ceremonies will take viewers on a journey of the Paralympics.

"The spectator will be locked into the program visually and mentally," Volmer said. "We want to celebrate the individual and the athletes in this creative performance."

When Paralympics competition commences, elite athletes will dominate ice rinks, valleys and ski slopes, fueled by an invincible will to stand at the peak of athletic excellence.

"This is the top competition that provides the opportunity for world class athletes to compete at the same level," Kohnken said.

The Paralympic Games date back to 1948, when Sir Ludwig Guttman organized a sports competition in Stoke Mandeville, England involving World War II veterans with spinal cord injuries, according to the official Paralympic Web site.

Four years later, competitors from Holland joined the Games and the international movement now known as the Paralympics was born.

Today, the Paralympics consist of elite sport events for athletes from different disability groups, emphasizing the participants' athletic achievements rather than their disabilities, according to the Web site.

Kohnken said this year there are three different sports with four different disciplines, including alpine skiing with men's and women's down hill and giant slalom, cross country skiing, biathlon, and ice-sledge hockey.

"I think it will be just a great celebration of elite sports," said Sufanne Reiff, International Paralympic Committee director of media and communications. "The Paralympics are about high-performance sports. Although they look different and use some different equipment, it will just as exciting."

For those unable to view tonight's ceremony, NBC will be airing a one-hour highlight special Saturday at noon.

Legislator says Y, U gun bans violate state law

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BYU's gun ban is in violation of state law and a lawsuit should be pursued, Sen. Michael Waddoups, R-Salt Lake City, said Wednesday night.

The issue has been brought to the forefront by a bill, sponsored by Waddoups, which will cut the University of Utah's administrative budget up to one half if the university continues to ban guns on campus.

"All state agencies have complied to the law except higher education," Waddoups said.

Utah law states that the state Legislature has sole authority to make policy, rules or law concerning firearms.

This has been interpreted by the Legislature that universities, public or private, lack the authority to place a ban on concealed weapons.

The bill, which was still being debated in the House as of press time Wednesday night, will apply only to the University of Utah, because it is a state university.

The state would have to file a lawsuit to challenge BYU's ban because BYU is privately owned.

"The state should pursue a lawsuit. BYU should be sued for nonconformance of the law," Waddoups said.

Carri Jenkins, head of BYU Campus Communications, said BYU's ban on firearms has not yet been contested.

"We believe that BYU, as a private property-holder, has the right under federal and state constitution to establish reasonable policies regarding safety issues on our campus," Jenkins said.

Fred Esplin, vice president of university relations at the University of Utah, said he feels the University of Utah has been unfairly targeted by the Legislature.

"There might be the tendency to look at this as an isolated issue to the University of Utah, and it is not. It's something that has direct, immediate consequence to everyone who works and studies at the Y," Esplin said.

Murphy said he expects a lawsuit contesting the University of Utah's ban to be filed Monday.

The attorney general's office is currently researching whether private universities must let people carry guns on campus, Murphy said.

"It is the attorney general's job to enforce the law. You can't just break the law because you disagree with it," Murphy said.

photo illustration by Denise Plant

Sen. Michael Waddoups, R-Salt Lake City, is sponsoring a bill that would cut the University of Utah administrative budget by up to one half if it does not lift its ban of guns on campus. Under Utah law, only the state Legislature can make restrictions on firearms.

UVSC says it will not cover costs of Legislature tuition hike

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The Utah legislature's budget cuts in higher education will cause a significant increase in Utah Valley State College's tuition, causing a possible decrease in enrollment.

The Legislature has mandated a 4 percent increase in tuition for all state universities, but each institution can still raise tuition slightly higher to meet costs, said Derek Hall, director of UVSC College Relations.

"UVSC is experiencing major budget issues because the funding we are receiving from the state is not meeting our growing needs," Hall said.

Hall said last year, UVSC had an 8 to 9 percent increase on top of the state increase.

"This year we'll probably have a double-digit increase," Hall said.

The UVSC Board of Trustees met Tuesday night and UVSC President Kerry D. Romesburg said the university anticipated a 20 to 23 percent tuition increase, but the latest legislative action means that number will have to decrease slightly.

The exact amount of the tuition increase is not yet known, but it must be released by March 20, 10 days before a public hearing on April 1, to allow the community to discuss the issue. At the hearing, UVSC must describe the reason the tuition increase is necessary, Hall said.

The increase will make it harder for students to afford college, said Ashlee' Crook, the Inner Club Council academic chair at UVSC.

Crook said UVSC would definitely lose students if tuition increases 20 or even 15 percent.

A 20 percent tuition increase at UVSC translates to approximately $170.

"At 10 percent we are going to lose people, at 4 percent we might lose a few," Crook said. "There is a minority in our school with very limited funds, so we might lose them with just a four percent increase."

Hall said UVSC is the fastest-growing university in the state and Crook said this is because the campus is easily accessible to commuting students. UVSC has approximately 22,000 students enrolled.

Steve Palmer, president of the Utah Student Association, said students are just as worried as anyone else about the budget problems Utah currently faces.

"We are concerned because we feel that there is a tendency to place the economic shortfall on the backs of the students in the form of tuition increases," Palmer said.

Another way to deal with budget shortfalls is to place a cap on enrollment.

"We do not have formal enrollment caps," Hall said, "but we can limit enrollment by offering a limited number of sections and seats in each class."

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Powell criticizes Sharon's war policies

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Colin Powell reproached Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Wednesday for declaring war on the Palestinians and advised him "to take a hard look at his policies."

"If you declare war against the Palestinians and think you can solve the problem by seeing how many Palestinians can be killed — I don't know if that leads you anywhere," Powell said.

His remarks, in testimony to a House subcommittee, spliced in criticism of Israel's leader with what has been unrelenting criticism of Yasser Arafat for not stopping Palestinian attacks on Israel.

President Bush cast blame Tuesday only on the Palestinians, saying peacemaking should start with Palestinian efforts to stop attacks on Israel.

Milosevic denied release from detention

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Judges at the U.N. war crimes tribunal rejected Slobodan Milosevic's request Wednesday to be released to better prepare his defense, saying they were not satisfied by his assurances he would not flee.

The former Yugoslav leader, who is defending himself on war crimes and genocide charges, has repeatedly demanded his provisional release from a detention facility near the Netherlands-based court, complaining that the court was curbing his right to adequately prepare this case.

Milosevic said he would not "run away from this battle" if released.

"The trial chamber is not satisfied that if released, he (Milosevic) would continue to appear at the trial or would not pose a danger to any witness or others," Judge Richard May said, reading the court's decision. "For these reasons, the application is dismissed."

May added that the judges "recognize the difficulties" Milosevic may face since he has not appointed a lawyer but speaks for himself.

Bill set to change nude artwork law

SALT LAKE CITY — If the governor agrees, it no longer will be against the law in Utah to allow a child to see Michelangelo's David or Rodin's "The Kiss."

At the behest of state porn czar Paula Houston and with the support of Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff, the Legislature has passed a bill revising the state law banning any public nudity that might be viewed by minors.

The bill drafted by Houston and sponsored by Rep. Peggy Wallace, R-West Jordan, provides an exception for displays that have artistic or serious value.

The state's law was never enforced as it regarded artistic works, but backers of the bill felt the law could have been held unconstitutional if challenged.

The House voted 69-0 to approve Senate amendments to the bill. The amendments specified that minors still may not be shown explicit depictions of illicit sex or sexual immorality.

State may sue activists for Legacy losses

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah lawmakers approved legislation Wednesday that allows the state to sue environmentalists for financial losses caused by a court-ordered construction halt.

The House approved the measure by a 52-18 vote on the last day of the Legislature's general session. After the Senate gives the go-ahead for a minor change, the measure will go to the governor for his signature.

Gov. Mike Leavitt has not said if he supports the bill, said spokeswoman Natalie Gochnour. She said that because of Constitutional concerns, "it's a bill we will look at very carefully."

The state has been paying $100,000 a day to a state contractor since the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals ordered the project stopped on Nov. 16 while it considers a lawsuit brought against the state.

The lawsuit was filed last year by the Sierra Club, Utahns for Better Transportation and Salt Lake City Mayor Rocky Anderson. They claim the project violated federal environmental standards.

Weather

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Precipitation			
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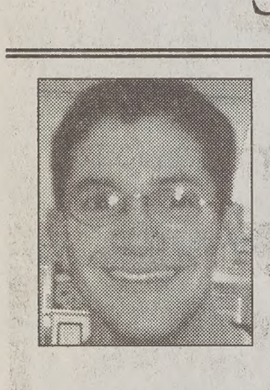
sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day



"Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day."

— Alma 37:37

Sean Brady, 21, a freshman from Nogales, Ariz., majoring in psychology, likes this scripture because "it shows the importance of reliance on the Lord all the time. We can never have enough of the Lord in our lives — we always need his help."

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Study says lung cancer less likely for Utah

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Utahns have roughly a 4 percent less chance of dying from lung cancer due to air pollution than the national average, according to a study published Wednesday.

The study, led by Arden Pope, a BYU professor and environmental economics specialist, found that minuscule particles of pollutants emitted by automobiles, power plants and factories significantly increase the risk of dying from lung cancer.

"The findings of this study provide the strongest evidence to date that long-term exposure to air pollution is an important risk factor for cardiopulmonary and lung cancer mortality," Pope said.

The research was published in an issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. It was funded by a grant from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and government grants to the New York University School of Medicine.

The pollutants to blame are particles of soot, smaller than 2.5 microns, also called fine particulate matter, the study found.

According to Ken Simmons, an environmental scientist at the Utah air-monitoring center, the average annual level of fine particulate matter in the Wasatch Front is 9 to 12 micrograms per cubic meter. A polluted city is defined as having fine particulate matter that exceeds 20 micrograms per cubic meter.

By this definition, Utah is not considered a polluted state.

Fine particulate matter is generated by combustion, most commonly produced by automobiles, manufacturing and coal-fired power plants.

Pope's study found for every 10 micrograms per cubic meter increase of fine particulate matter from zero, there is an 8 percent increase in lung cancer deaths.

The national average of fine particulate matter is 15 micrograms per cubic meter, yielding roughly a 4 percent increase in lung cancer risk above Utah levels.

The researchers found the risk of dying from lung cancer due to high levels of air is comparable to the risk of living ondhand smoke.

The scientists compared their research done by the Envi Protection Agency linking secondha to lung cancer, after obtaining statist mated figures of the risk due to poll

"The lung cancer risk that we fou ated with living in a polluted city in comparable to the risk reported by t a nonsmoker living with a smo George Thurston, associate professo ronmental medicine at NYU S Medicine and co-author, in a news

Pope said the study's findings news" because fine particulate ma are controllable.

Since the study began in 1982, United States average of fine partic ter has dropped 33 percent.

This is due to gradual and long-ter from the EPA, said Michael Smart, ture manager for BYU Communications.

Utah legislators scramble their final night

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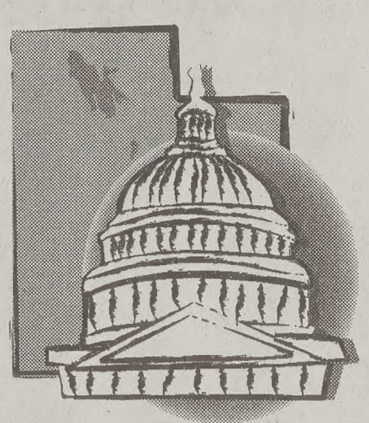


Graphic by Denise Plant

The Legislature moved at a frantic pace as the 2002 General Session ended Wednesday at midnight.

Legislators acting as sponsors of their bills ran back and forth between the Senate and House Chambers trying to get their bills passed before the deadline.

"It's terribly busy, but terribly exciting," said Beverly Rasmussen, a public information officer at the House Chamber.

Rasmussen said it is amazing how a legislator can exert a tremendous amount of pressure on fellow legislators to hurry their bills through the process.

Some important bills were considered on the final day.

Sen. Terry Spencer, R-Layton, sponsor of S.B. 183, saw his bill pass both houses with an overwhelming majority. This bill allows for action to be taken to recover damages from a work stoppage caused by another party bringing a suit in court to stop a construction project.

Essentially, this permits legal action to be taken against opponents holding up construction of the Legacy Highway as early as May 6, Spencer said.

Late in the evening, the controversial edu credit bill had not gathered enough suppo through both chambers before midnight.

"Education tax credit is a hot issue," said R who fielded calls about the status of the bill evening.

A bill that dictated the amount of money allo building of higher education facilities had been an astonishing nine times already, but would p midnight, Rasmussen said.

Toward the end of the long and grueling day lators employed some stress relief tactics.

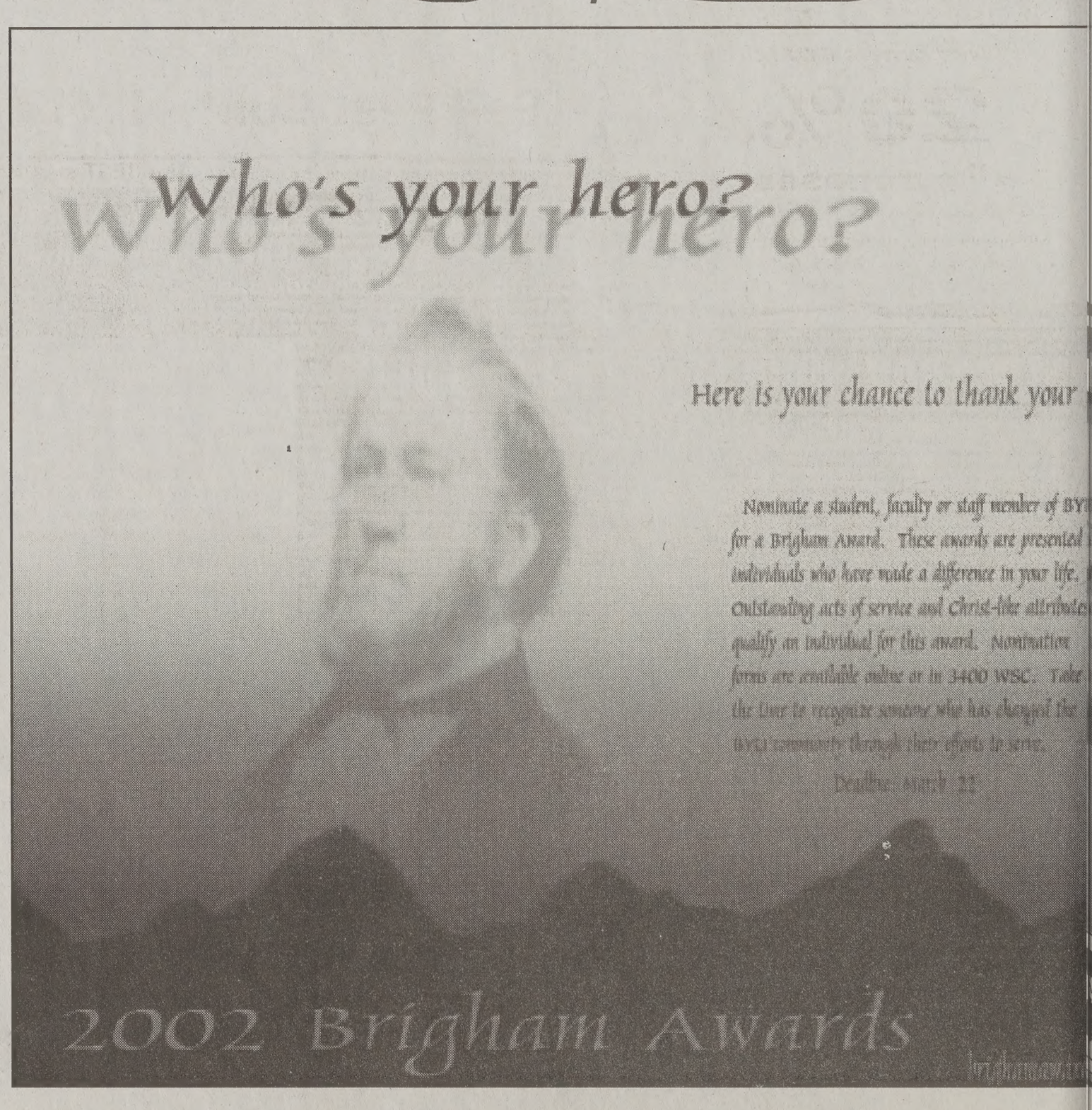
Joe Pepper, a Capitol security officer, sai makers break the tension by throwing paper a and cracking jokes on the chamber floor.

The legislators also have masseurs available at their conve

Many years ago, the legislators avoided the stress by ig clock — literally.

Rasmussen said legislators used to throw a black sheet ove on the chamber floor and work past midnight because then t not know when the deadline passed.

This practice was abolished in the 1970s.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tah schools cope with growth, diversity

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there were 250 Hispan- students in the Provo ol District. Today there y 2,200, representing percent of the district's according to a January ict performance report. nearly a 900 percent ver the last 10 years. ools become more he number of students primarily speaking a language other than English increases.

The English as a Second Language program, a nationwide program implemented in school districts, provides instruction for students learning English, said Kathy Bekkemellon, an ESL teacher at Centennial Middle School in Provo.

"It is our desire to have them read and write English, but we do not want them to forget their culture and heritage," said Don Dowdle, principal of Joaquin Elementary School in Provo.

"It would be a crime if our students from other countries were ashamed of that heritage. We want them to be proud of that and also to learn English," he said.

In Provo's ESL program, elementary-school students are placed in regular homeroom classes, then they attend an ESL class for 30 to 45 minutes each day to do English building activities.

Middle- and high-school ESL students attend an ESL class for one period each day. At Centennial Middle School, the ESL program includes sheltered classes that teach a subject such as history or science with ESL instructors on hand to assist students, Bekkemellon said.

"It provides them a way that they feel comfortable using their English and don't feel stupid asking questions because they know everyone is in the same boat," Bekkemellon said.

Sally McDonald/Daily Universe

Maria Thurston holds a copy of "Standards and Benchmarks," a booklet that explains policies and objectives for each grade level in the Provo City School District. The booklet has recently been translated into Spanish to help Spanish-speaking parents assist their children in school.

dents swamp local classrooms

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> "Our growth concern is being able to provide facilities to house additional growth."
> — Dennis Johnson, Jordan School District director of planning

wded classrooms and student population are forcing Utah try and find solutions concerns.

l Elementary in Ameri- has reached its maxi- city in its second year tion, said Michael sistant principal.

is always a concern," l.

w developments in Westfield Elementary, has been expecting an o the student popula- d.

have often accommo- th through use of trail- said, but such trailers up playground space students to walk out- er to reach other parts ol.

l's solution to growth modified extended day ith class size decreas- morning and early and increasing in the she day, Parkes said. the students in any room would arrive an half early to study literacy until the rest of the class arrived for a regular day of math, science and social studies, he said.

The other of half the students who came later would then stay after for an hour and a half for their smaller literacy session, he said.

Although the new program would require Westfield teachers to be at school an hour longer each day, most of them are accepting of the solution and feel it will facilitate reading, Parkes said.

"Students would get more individualized attention due to the smaller class size," he said.

Stephanie Stevens, Westfield PTA president, said as a parent, she is concerned growth can inhibit the ability of teachers to work one-on-one with students.

Stevens said the modified extended program is a fairly good solution to growth problems, although some parents misunderstand at first the implications of such a program.

"When parents hear extended day, they are disappointed and frustrated, but once they see what the model is they are more receptive," Stevens said.

A possible concern among teachers is trying to keep the attention of the students in the later group, while teaching subjects that require concentration, she said.

The Jordan School District has its own unique dilemma, with a number of school areas rapidly growing and other areas declining, said Dennis Johnson, director of planning and student services.

It is estimated the district will increase by approximately 400 students next year, Johnson said.

"Our growth concern is being able to provide facilities to house additional growth," he said.

The school district is currently looking at growth solutions such as busing students, boundary adjustments, use of portable classrooms and building additional schools, Johnson said.

Translated books aid Spanish families

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When Maria Thurston moved to the United States from Argentina 15 years ago, she could not speak English. Now she speaks fluently enough to help Spanish-speaking parents navigate an English-speaking school system.

Thurston, a secretary at Joaquin Elementary School in Provo, recently worked with the Provo City School District to help translate the district's "Standards and Benchmarks" booklet into Spanish.

The booklet, first distributed in English last fall, explains district policies, expectations and objectives for each grade level, said Randy Merrill, assistant superintendent of the Provo City School District.

"The booklet summarizes what our expectations are for students," Merrill said. "It's an effort to communicate with parents about what we are trying to achieve with their children."

The district distributed approximately 2,500 copies of the Spanish translation of the booklet to school principals last week. That is enough for every Spanish speaking family in the Provo School District, Merrill said.

"I think the critical thing with 'Standards and Benchmarks' is that if a person doesn't know what is expected, then how can you hold them to what's expected," said Don Dowdle, principal of Joaquin Elementary School.

Thurston understands the confusion many Spanish-speaking parents in Provo face as they struggle to help their children succeed in school.

By the time her children began school, Thurston had learned only limited English.

Many parents cannot read their children's homework, and may not understand the school requirements.

Thurston said the information in the packet would help families know the district's requirements and how to meet them.

"Any questions they have, they have all the answers right there," she said.

Thurston estimates she spent about 25 hours translating the document, both while working at Joaquin and at home on her own time.

"I love this school and the kids at Joaquin, and that is one of the reasons I did it," Thurston said. "It gives the chance for everyone to be equal. If I can help with this, why not do it?"

At Joaquin, between 50 and 55 percent of the students speak Spanish at home, Dowdle said.

Most notes sent to parents from the school are in both English and Spanish, he said. The school will be distributing the Spanish "Standards and Benchmarks" at parent-teacher conferences next week.

"Spanish-speaking parents are wonderful parents, and when they know what is expected of their children, we know they will support and encourage the boys and girls to reach those goals," Dowdle said.

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Ohio permit law a knock at free speech

A small town in Ohio is saying no to unsolicited doorknockers and yes to further restrictions on free speech.

Stratton, Ohio, is fighting in court with the Watchtower Bible Society, an arm of the Jehovah's Witnesses, over an ordinance that requires door-to-door preachers to have a permit before hitting the streets.

The permit requirement applies to anyone who wishes to sell or preach door to door, including Latter-day Saint missionaries.

Stratton's ordinance also sets a dangerous precedent of government control of speech and should be repealed.

Citizens have a First Amendment right to decide for themselves what ideas and messages they wish to receive.

When a person can't walk door to door and talk to people without getting the government's permission, the government is exceeding its bounds.

However, the restraint of such rights of free expression is not new in the United States, nor in Stratton.

In the early 1980s, a Stratton police officer chased a group of Jehovah's Witnesses out of town when they were performing their door-to-door ministry.

Then in 1998, the Jehovah's Witnesses say the mayor told three proselyting church members to leave the village.

Stratton's current law restricts First Amendment freedoms including freedom of speech, press, association and religion.

It exercises unlawful prior restraint, banning even the anonymous distribution of political literature.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has shown support for the Jehovah's Witnesses suit, filing a friend-of-the-court brief that expressed alarm over the proliferation of restrictions on door-to-door solicitation.

Meanwhile, Stratton city attorneys claim the ordinance does not infringe on door-to-door salespeople or preachers by requiring them to register with the city and identify themselves.

Yet, no matter how accessible today's permit may be, who's to stop tomorrow's ordinance from exercising even tighter control?

Americans have the right to go to their neighbors and express their ideas, opinions and beliefs.

Individuals who do not want to hear the message have a right to say no, or post a "No Soliciting" plaque on their door.

In any case, to force individuals to register to share their beliefs, is an assault on freedom of speech and opens the door to further limitations of freedoms set forth in the Constitution.

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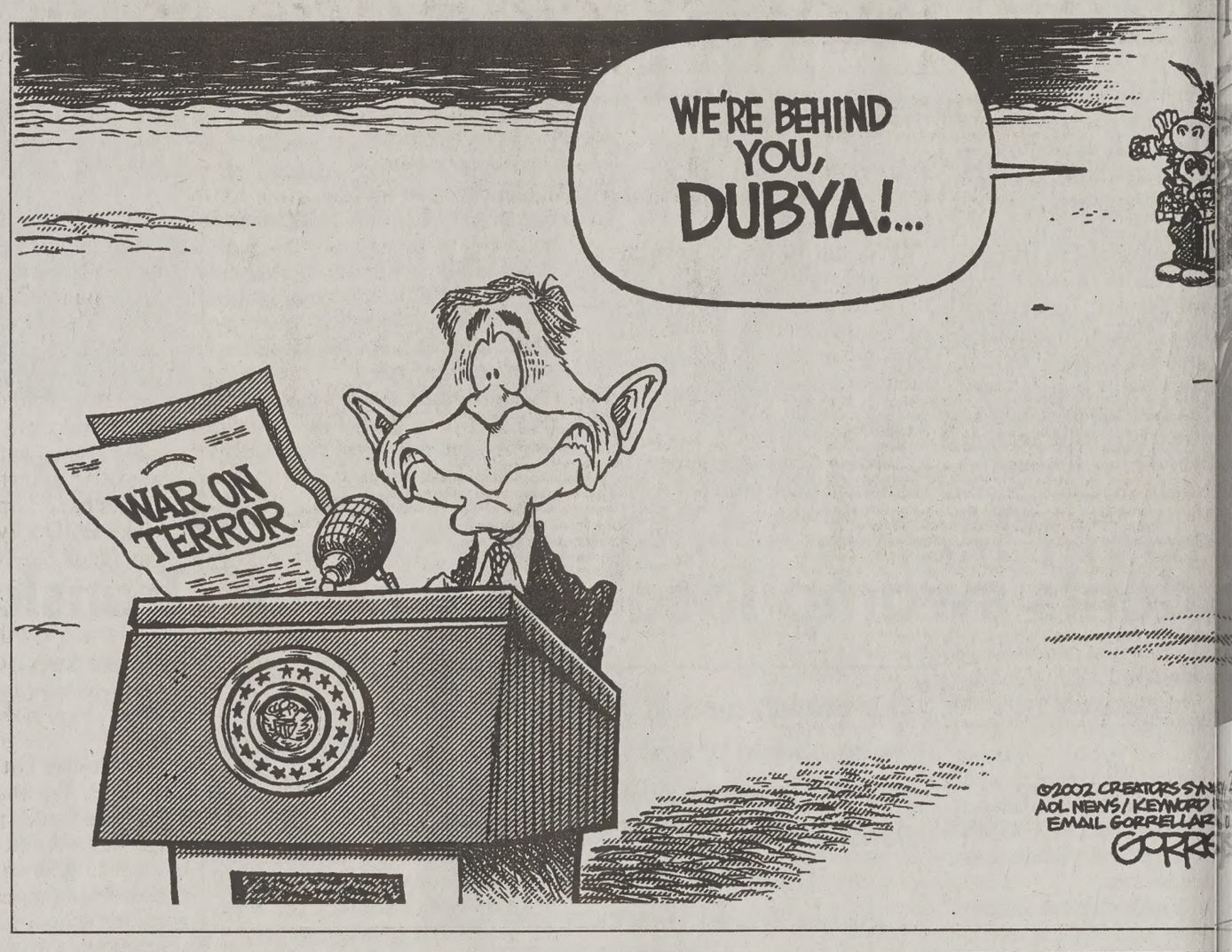

VIEWPOINT

Unwarranted criticism

Mehrsa Baradaran Bybee
Goshen, NY

I will be graduating in April and I have enjoyed most of my BYU experience. I say "most," because recently a few students have made me want to get out of this place as soon as I can.

I am referring to the recent comments in the opinion page that have continued for weeks to ignorantly disparage my native country, Iran.

People keep referring to Iran as a terrorist country or saying it harbors terrorists and threatens U.S. freedom.

There has never been real proof that Iran is harboring terrorists, just rumors. Iran has been an enemy of the Taliban long before the United States decided to get involved. Government officials have publicly denounced al-Qaeda and have offered their condolences to the United States and the victims of the cruel terrorist attacks.

Many are afraid of the unknown and, for simplicity's sake, try to paint the whole country with one brush stroke.

Do the black veils and the turbans make us uncomfortable? Do we think that if we don't understand them, they must be involved in "secret combinations" that will destroy our freedom?

There is a long history of conflict in the Middle East, but it has never been as simple as black or white, good or evil. The Islamic world thinks differently than the Western World. They shun the West because of its loose morality, and the West shuns them because of their religious fanaticism.

Latter-day Saints, if anyone, should empathize with religions that strive to shun immorality and are considered fanatic.

I believe that the gospel will spread to all the world, including Iran, whose reformist president and parliamentary members have long been striving for democratic change in a sometimes authoritarian theocratic government.

There are many intelligent and capable leaders trying to find solutions that will improve relations with the West. But the U.S. involvement that recent letters to the editor seemed to be implying ("kick some terrorist trash") will only undermine their efforts for peaceful change.

We, as Latter-day Saints and aware citizens of the world, need to use discretion when stereotyping people with different beliefs.

Do not be so fearful and reactionary toward what you do not understand. We are all children of the same Father in Heaven.

What if you are calling Iran evil one day and were called there on a mission the next? I am preparing myself for a mission in Iran.

I am trying to read all I can about the beautiful culture, the people and the politics. I suggest the same to you.

The Spirit should be our guide and the feelings of the Spirit are peace, love and patience — not the anger and vengeance displayed in the ignorant slander I have been reading in the paper.

This week is a perfect one to begin understanding other people through the booths set up for the WorldFest in the Garden Court.

I invite you to our booth representing Iran and to the Iranian New Year's party, March 20 at 8 p.m. in 238 HRCB.

READERS' FORUM

Far from favoritism

Dear Editor,

I would like to respond to Tuesday's viewpoint, "Victim of the majority" in which the author expressed the opinion that white men are victims of reverse discrimination and compared BYU and those who donate to minorities as "...Nazis, Black Panthers, and members of the Ku Klux Klan." I felt he railed on minorities for most of the article.

I am considered a minority because I am Chinese. I have been attending BYU on my own dime for two years now and will probably graduate without any financial aid of any kind.

I have talked to my "white" friends about how they got to BYU, etc. Some people have thought I got into BYU just because I am a minority. But the fact is, I was accepted to two other prestigious universities with potential scholarships.

I took a difficult course-load in high school and I am just as intelligent, able and talented as anyone else.

While at BYU, I have applied to every scholarship, every semester without any money ever being awarded.

You see, I am in the same boat as you. Do not complain about things you know nothing about!

Life is tough for all of us. Just do the best you can with what you have.

Alex Chak-Yan Chow Novak
Plano, Texas

Take responsibility

Dear Daily Universe,

So let me get this straight, the author of Tuesday's viewpoint, "Victim of the Majority," is just like me?

Well, I cannot remember the last time that I wrote an editorial blaming my lack of money on a group of people. But in general, I just have a few points to share with the BYU student body concerning the viewpoint article.

First, does he realize that there are still thousands of scholarships available for him through other organizations besides BYU? Did he ever take time to research these or apply for them? I doubt it.

Second, what would his reaction be if the person who received one of the remaining merit scholarships was an African-American woman of a different religion? Would he still say that she received it because of her skin color and not her merit? Judging by the brief glimpse of his character, I think that he would.

Third, school is tough for everybody! Instead of blaming his lack of funds on the help that people are trying to give diverse students, maybe he should take some time out from his position at The Daily Universe, keep his eyes open and actually try, for once in his life, to understand the reasons why there are so many people striving to help diverse students.

If he had even the tiniest bit of understanding on this subject, then he would not have opened his mouth and showed the campus just how ignorant he truly is.

Ruben Urias
Los Alamitos, Calif.

Be content

Dear Editor,

The author of Tuesday's viewpoint reiterates a continuing theme in our society: comparisons.

We are left wanting when we recognize that someone, or some group of individuals, receives special treatment. We are always worried about what everyone else gets and why so-and-so gets scholarships because he is brown . . . whine, whine, whine.

It's unfortunate not enough funds are available for those deserving, and many students struggle to make ends meet. It just so happens that in our society, a lot of them are minorities.

Yes, there are many poor white students too. Regardless, it's safe to say that the fact we are all securing an education at BYU automatically qualifies us as extremely fortunate individuals.

We should forget about comparisons and make do with what we have regardless of circumstance. We shouldn't use color as an excuse to manipulate the system.

My grandfather was a copra farmer in the Tuamoto Islands of French Polynesia. He was poor, had no education, but was nevertheless content.

Instead of whining about lost opportunities, he made the most of what he was given and taught himself to read by studying the Bible.

Unfortunately, he had no resources to send my father to school. Yet, thanks to a presumed "racist" sponsor, my father was able to attend the Church College of New Zealand and then BYU, becoming the first in his family to obtain a college degree. My father has secured a better life for his children, thanks to a gracious "bigot" who saw fit to help those in need.

Instead of making comparisons about skin color or worrying about what others have, we should focus on what we can do individually to maximize our opportunities so that some day we won't have to whine about who gets what. Don't worry, be happy.

Scott Mataoa
Tahiti, French Polynesia

Resist gravity's pull

Dear Editor,

I confess. I am a Utah driver. I live in Utah and even drive here.

One of the hardest things about being a Utah driver, however, is not restricting traffic laws — it's dodging peppy joggers who prance across in front of me on a bright green light; or tough-guys who mistakenly believe that women are impressed with a man who can unnecessarily risk his life and not break a sweat.

I know the Lord has blessed us with intellect, but I fail to see why it should fail us when we start crossing the street.

I would like to use an illustration.

When I try to lift a person, I succeed. When I try to lift my car, a little Nissan Sentra, all I do is grunt and sweat. I am not a physicist, but this would indicate to me that the attraction between the car and the earth is stronger than between a person and the earth.

Unfortunately, many joggers and tough-guys apparently feel there is an undeniable attraction between their bodies and my little car.

I would suggest, however, that this attraction is weaker than your finely-toned muscles, and worth resisting, considering that the above-mentioned attraction implies that if a car going 40 mph "meets" you in a crosswalk, most certainly not enjoy it, and end up meeting your Maker s you might have.

I implore you to consider th tions of your actions, and choo and jog safely.

Your significant other will for living longer. Your family you for being safe. I will tha not decorating the front grill old car with your innards, and the terrible realization that so died at my hands.

Sam Beus
Sandy

Balance covera

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to titled "21 Israelis killed over

This response is in hope to why the other part of the story sented.

Palestinians also get killed in in hundreds. Over the past Palestinians were killed but of that seemed to make the fr

I wonder why the mo Palestinian mothers and the of Palestinian homes never sh the front page of The Daily U

I hope the editors of The Dai don't think Palestinian blood less, but from what I see I am to believe, that this is the case

I oppose the killing of civili sides but facts should be pres no bias towards any party.

Hani Almadhoun
Gaza Strip, Palestine

Continuing debb

Dear Editor,

The Letter to the Editor, judged," reminded me of se ago when The Daily Universe an anniversary edition. It cono eral letters to the editor circa t period when debate raged o wearing jeans.

One letter cried out, "We God's plan and wear dresses Satan's plan and wear Levi's."

Now, 30 some-odd years lat skewed judgments still have

John E. Moyer
Los Angeles

Shameless a

Dear Editor,

Did anyone catch that blatan ment and self-appraisal . . . Choir Devotional on Tuesday

I struggled to watch the alumni between each set of m I had anticipated to be an up cational message of music th from all Devotionals.

In all fairness to the choirs, was beautiful and inspiration the overall message I learned ent impression: to be a better, eous member of the church how to "work hard" in colleg to be a member of one of the

The last time I checked, there are more spaces in heav number of spaces in the choir a beautiful way to express an your testimony, but it's not th Try reading the scriptures.

I suggest the next time a BY ing group wants an advertisi look for a space on the back room stalls, next to the apartm in our weekly Devotionals.

Amanda Haslam
Upland, Calif.

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mpic pins stick huge sales after Games end

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, 22, from Provo, purchases BYU Olympic pins in the Bookstore. The Bookstore, which has a record number of the "I Speak" pins, is expecting another shipment of 1,000 pins in

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Even though the Olympics ended two weeks ago, Olympic pins continue to be a boon for the BYU Bookstore, with post-Olympic sales totaling more than 150 per day.

The BYU Bookstore sold more than 7,000 of the BYU Olympic pins prior to the end of the Games, sometimes as many as a 1,000 per day, and an estimated 5,000 to 6,000 of the "I speak" pins.

The high demand might be expected along with Olympic fervor, but the continued purchases have surprised Bookstore employees.

The BYU Olympic pins are currently sold out for the seventh time, and the store will receive another shipment of 1,000 around the middle of March.

"We thought that this time there wouldn't be as much demand," said Erin Lewis, Bookstore employee who is in charge of stocking the pins. "We stuck the pins out there in baskets and they were gone in hours."

Although not all of the original stock of 10,000 "I speak" pins have sold out, Lewis said she could spend her entire three-hour shift just stocking them.

Some of the 43 languages sold out within a few days, angering store patrons who wondered why the store had languages like "Kazakh" and "Afrikaans," in stock but not more popular ones like American Sign Language.

The excess demand has even led to continued sales of the pins on eBay. Seventeen BYU pins were up for auction Tuesday for as much as $12.51, compared to the $5.95 retail price.

Ninety-five "I speak" pins were on eBay the same day for as much as $16 compared to the $3 retail price.

Layne Miller, supervisor of the gift department in the Bookstore, said he thinks that "I speak," pins without an Olympic logo could produce regular sales for the Bookstore.

He is unsure what he will do with the left-over "I speak" pins with Olympic logos after the Paralympics.

The BYU Olympic pins will be stocked until the ordered stock runs out, Miller said.

Roger Toone, vice-president of retail for Deseret Book, who produced the pins, said he has been pleased with the "I speak" pins sales.

Toone said pins sold out quickly in American Sign Language, Japanese and Russian at Deseret Bookstores, much like the BYU Bookstore.

Deseret Book is far from selling out of others like English, Spanish and Portuguese.

They plan to sell the remaining stock of "I speak" pins, but will not be ordering more, Toone said.

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Rabner said he draws some of his inspiration from a three-month study abroad program in Paris, where he gained further appreciation of modern design.

"Some of my higher-end pieces have exotic woods," Rabner said. "I've used Bloodwood, Jarrah, Bubinga, African Blackwood and Ebony."

He has also used stone, plastics and resin.

"He's very much still in an experimental stage," said Rabner's mother, Lanell Rabner.

She works as the head librarian in the periodical section and is excited to see her son's work on display for the next month.

"Whether he was writing poetry, drawing or building, he's always been an artist," Lanell Rabner said.

Kip Christensen, a professor in the School of Technology, has been Rabner's mentor since Rabner began taking furniture design classes in his freshman year.

"Ben's a very talented young man," Christensen said. "He'd already had some woodworking experience. In the last year, he's really done some wonderful work."

Christensen hopes the furniture display will show the rest of the student body the kind of work that can be done in the upper division classes.

Ben Rabner sits with the furniture he has designed and built, which is now on display on the second floor of the library. BYU offers woodworking and furniture design classes in the School of Technology.

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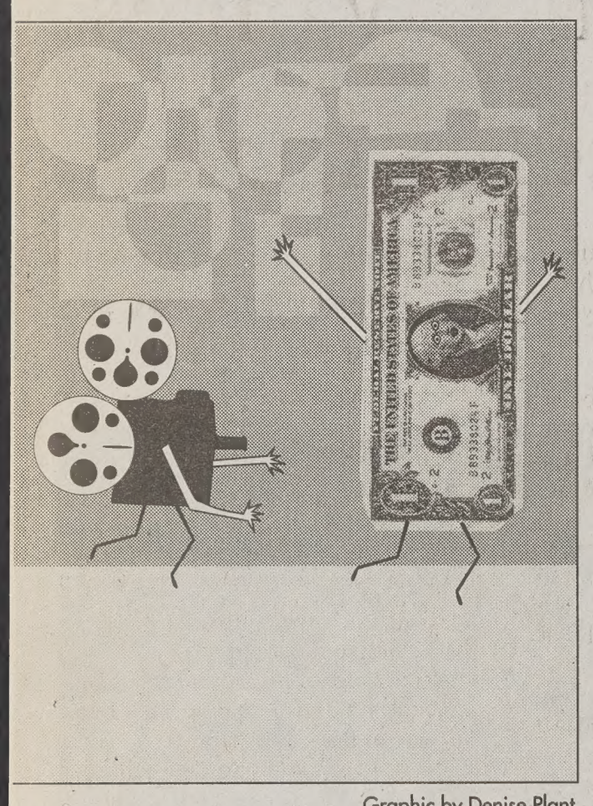

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Analysts say the economy is perking up, making this recession one of the mildest ever. But despite the mending economy, filmmakers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints still struggle to get and keep investors.

Lance Williams, the producer of "Charly," said one of the film's investors pulled out three days after Sept. 11 because of concern for the stock market and the overall economy.

"It was a huge blow to the production because each investor represented a sizeable part of the budget," Williams said.

However, Williams was able to rebuild the budget with new investors.

"Production went ahead as scheduled and we established some new financial relationships," he said.

Some investors never deserted film because they knew how well it does in a depressed economy, Williams said.

Steve Lee, a freelance unit production manager, said film's economy reflects the general economy.

Though people want to be entertained, investors may be looking for something more solid than film, he said. Investors are currently more apprehensive than before the recession and Sept. 11.

"Everybody is still a little nervous about where the economy is and wanting to see before they jump in too far," Lee said.

Kels Goodman, producer and director for "Handcart," said investors pulled out of his film because of a slump in their businesses.

Some filmmakers reassured investors that after all the terror, the public would turn to feel-good movies.

"More than ever, people would need good, high-quality entertainment to help lift their spirits and help get them through what would surely be troubled times ahead," Williams said.

There seems to be a general trend with moviegoers now to embrace the 'feel-good' films.

"It isn't so much a trend with the Latter-day Saint demographic as it is a sensibility that tends to remain fairly consistent," Williams said.

Goodman agreed, saying, "PG films still rule in the box office."

With most Latter-day Saint films being rated PG, audiences would be expected to embrace these works. However, film quality and production costs compared to box office profits cause some concern.

"LDS film is doing well now," Goodman said, "I think it could be washed out through time unl Latter-day Saint filmmakers start producing prod that is near Hollywood levels."

The potential to mix good stories and values Hollywood level productions is high, Goodman s but so are costs.

Filmmakers can make a movie for a half a mill dollars and make a good return, he said. But o budgets increase to $2 million or more, the fil may lose at the box office, making it harder to ra funds in the future.

Goodman said investors are concerned ab investing in film, especially when filmmakers do have sensible plans.

"As I have met with investors, one of their ma complaints is that most filmmakers, especially LI don't think about how they are going to make t money back, only that 'it's going to be good Goodman said.

Williams said film is a risky business at any le and emerging genre unpredictability does not help

"Five years from now, if we are all still making releasing LDS feature films, it might be more sure bet," he said.

Author sees sales jump after Olympic publicity

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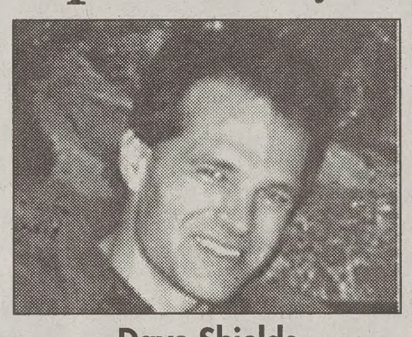

Dave Shields

One local author's stunning success proves that national interest in Salt Lake City has changed since the Olympics.

Author Dave Shields' latest novel, "The Pendulum's Path," is set primarily in the Salt Lake Valley and incorporates Utah's culture and geography in the storyline.

Sales of the novel on Amazon.com have skyrocketed to the top half percent of all sales, leapfrogging over two million other Amazon books, Shields said.

"Numerous New York-based agents and editors said they loved the book, but no one's interested in Utah," Shields said. "Either they were wrong or the Olympics have altered some preconceptions about Salt Lake City."

While overall sales are difficult to track since the novel's release in December, "The Pendulum's Path" has climbed 1,912,000 places in Amazon.com rankings since the Olympics, he said.

Shields said the post-Olympic hype was completely intentional.

"I knew the Olympics would be a great marketing opportunity," he said.

Dancers set to twirl through national competition

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The country's dance sport competitors will cut a rug in the Marriott Center beginning today. Dancers will compete to represent the United States at the international competition.

"In order for you to participate in the world championships, you must be first or second place in your country's championship," said Thomas Murdock, competition director for the American Ballroom Company and a former BYU student.

First- and second-place winners in the professional standards division will go on to represent the United States in world competition. The standard dance competition consists of waltz, fox trot, Viennese waltz, quickstep and tango.

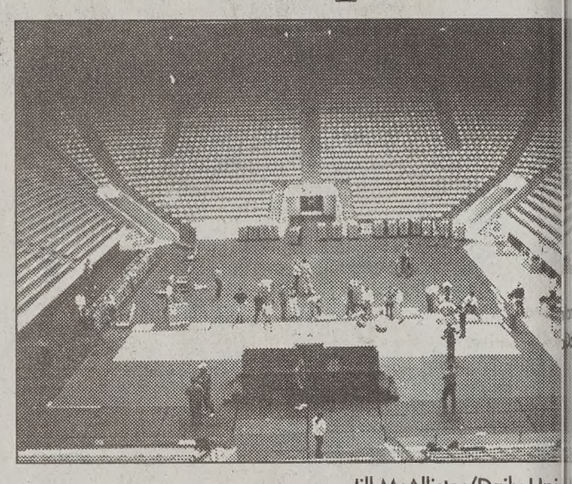
Murdock said BYU was chosen to host such a competition because of its large dance program.

"Nowhere else in the United States do they have the amount of attendees who come and watch the competition," Murdock said.

He said dancers like coming to the competition at BYU because it's exciting to be in an arena the size of the Marriott Center with thousands of spectators.

"The Great Salt Lake Basin is one of the largest areas for youth and junior participants in the country," Murdock said.

The world championships will be held in Blackpool, England.



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Basketball team advances to conference semifinals

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LAS VEGAS — Powered by Mountain West Conference first team member Erin Thorn, the women's basketball team advanced to the semifinals after beating Wyoming 82-69 Wednesday.

Junior guard Thorn started off by making the first three points of the game on the Cougars' first drive.

Regardless of Wyoming's efforts to stick with BYU, Thorn continued to sink six three-pointers in the first half, totaling 22 points at half-time.

"She should've had 10," coach Jeff Judkins laughed.

Thorn set a new MWC record, scoring 28 points and making eight three-pointers throughout the game.

"They got me some open shops and I was able to knock them in," Thorn said. "It just felt right."

Wyoming battled hard, trying to come back and upset the Cougars. It almost happened in the second half as Wyoming went on an 8-2 run and were within one point with 6:56 left in the second half.

Senior forward Melanie Pearson fouled out with nine minutes left, leaving Danielle Cheesman, who was also in foul trouble, to handle the rest of the game.

"I've always been a believer as a player and a coach that you don't always leave a player with four fouls on the bench," Judkins said.

He allowed Pearson to continue playing until it was no longer legal and then left it up to Cheesman to play aggressively without fouling out.

The Cougars picked up the intensity and scored 16 points to Wyoming's four. The Cowgirls could not keep up with BYU as the game drew to a close.

However, BYU did not drop its intensity at the end of the game. Judkins was still calling timeouts with his team 15 points ahead and one minute left on the clock.

"Coaches don't see the score sometimes," Judkins said. "Just because the game might be over, I'm still focused."

The players did their best until the end of the game and let Wyoming know the win was not a fluke.

"We just took charge in the second half and showed that we are tough," junior forward Jennifer Leitner said.

Leitner had her 10th double-double with 15 points and 13 rebounds, 10 of which she made in the first half.

Rebouding the ball is one aspect of the game that Judkins wants to improve on before playing the New Mexico Lobos.

The Cougars had only seven offensive rebounds while Wyoming collected 13.

> "We just took charge in the second half and showed that we are tough."
> — Jennifer Leitner, junior forward

The Cougars pulled out the win in the end and will now face the Lobos in the semifinals.

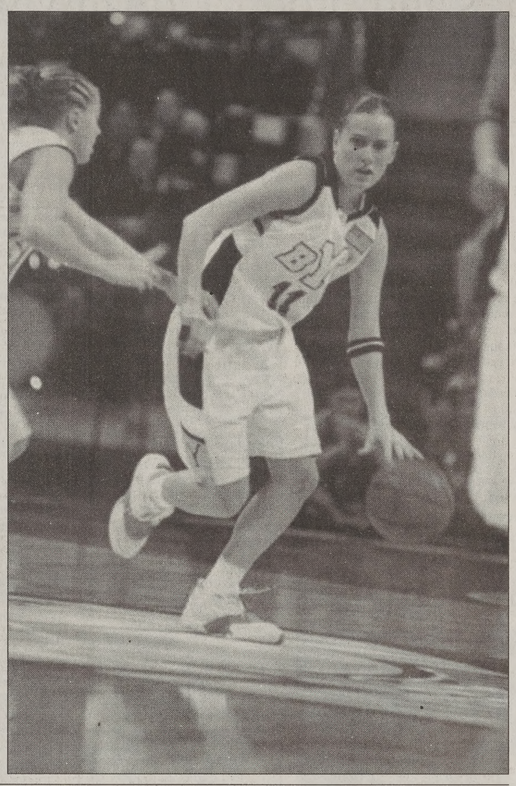
New Mexico beat San Diego State 65-52 earlier Wednesday. New Mexico earned the second seed over BYU because it had already swept the Cougars this season.

New Mexico's game with the Aztecs was also a tough win, as San Diego stuck with the Lobos to the end.

New Mexico will concentrate on a higher shooting percentage and getting the ball inside when it plays BYU on Friday.

"We felt like if we shot a better percentage than we would have a better half," New Mexico coach Don Flanagan said.

The Cougars will get their third chance to beat New Mexico on Friday at noon in the semifinal game. The championship will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.



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However, BYU has been able to win in neutral sites. The team defeated top-ranked Stanford in Las Vegas. And the Cougars love playing in the Thomas & Mack Center.

Junior guard Travis Hansen said that playing in Las Vegas is like playing in the Marriott Center for many players.

He said playing in Nevada could give BYU the confidence to win the tournament.

"I am going down there with an attitude that we can win," sophomore center Dan Howard said.

The Aztecs areaveraging 75 points a game and shooting 48 percent from the field.

They are guided by first team all-conference forward Randy Holcomb. He puts up 17 points and grabs nine rebounds a game.

"He is really physical. He is a tough match up for anyone," sophomore forward Bart Jepsen said.

> "I am going down there with an attitude that we can win."
> — Dan Howard, sophomore center

They also have two guards who can score in bunches. Senior guard Al Faux and junior guard Tony Bland score 16 points a game and shoot around 46 percent from the field.

If the Cougars win today, their next game will be Friday at 6 p.m. against Wyoming or Air Force.

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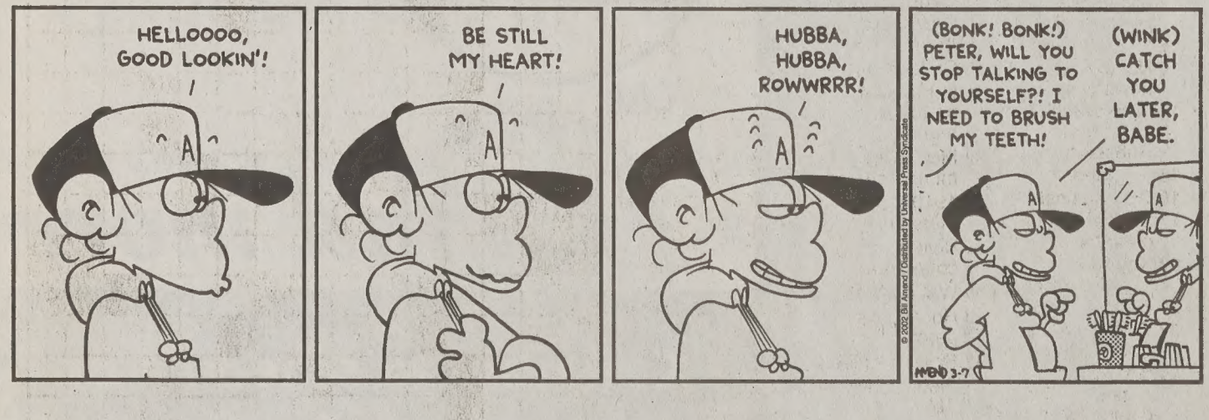
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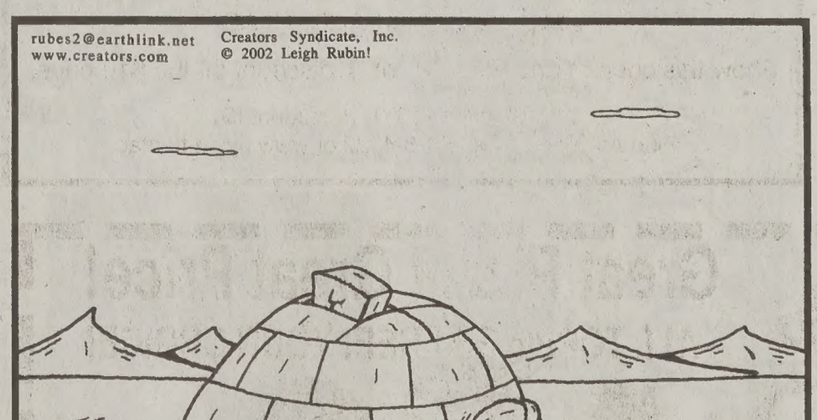

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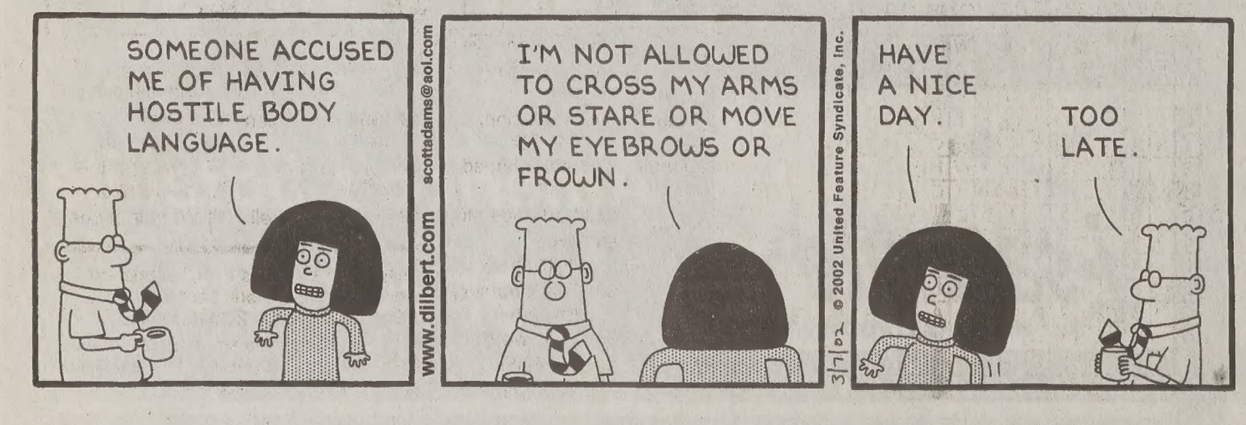
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Two tracksters qualify for NCAA finals

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> "I can't see anyone beating him."
> — Larry Berryhill, track coach

Sophomore long jumper Aron Szmuda spent his New Year's Day in an airplane making his first trip to Provo from his home in Slovakia.

"The 16-hour flight was a long time," Szmuda said in his European accent after struggling to convert his thoughts into English dialect. "Utah is a long way from Slovakia."

Having been coaxed to come to BYU by fellow European and assistant men's track and field coach Edward Vozer, the 6'6", 24-year-old joined the Cougar squad in hopes of furthering his athletic career.

"It is very good for me here," Szmuda said. "It is unbelievable because BYU has everything the athletes need — the tracks, the coaches, the team. It is all very good."

Szmuda has competed in track and field throughout Europe, Australia, Asia and Africa.

This weekend he will participate in his largest and most prestigious competition on American soil: the NCAA Indoor National Championship meet at the University of Arkansas, in Fayetteville.

Szmuda jumped over 25 feet, 6 inches this season, placing him fourth in the long jump in the nation, according to the NCAA power rankings.

This has allowed him the opportunity to compete in the meet.

"I'm excited," Szmuda said. "I would like to go and jump between 25 and 26 feet and qualify for the finals."

Szmuda will be in the company of excellent competition.

Miguel Pate from the University of Arkansas is the top long jumper in the nation and will also be competing in the event.

Pate has jumped over 27 feet, 4 inches this season.

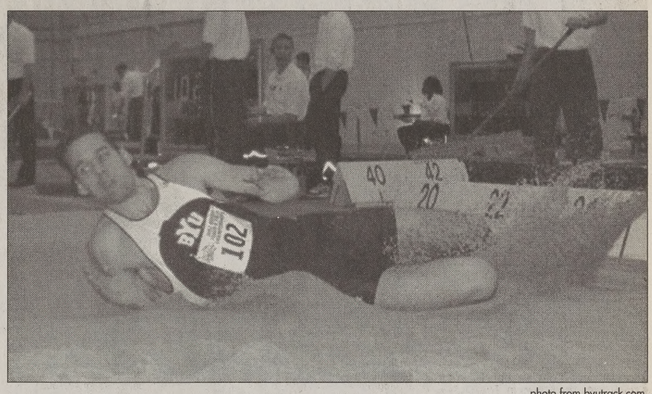
There is nothing foreign about the national championship meet for the Cougars' other qualifying athlete.

Senior pole vaulter Jeff Hansen will be making his fourth appearance at the national championships.

Hansen is ranked as the best pole vaulter in the country, according to the NCAA power rankings.

Hansen's coach Larry Berryhill is confident in Hansen's ability to win the event.

"Jeff has great confidence in what he is doing," Berryhill said. "For all intensive purposes, I can't see anyone beating him."



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Sophomore Aron Szmuda takes a dive in the sand after his long jump at the 2002 MWC Indoor Championships. The Cougars are in Arkansas this week for the NCAA Championships.

Hansen said as long as he has his Def Leppard music to listen to prior to the event then he too feels comfortable in his ability to perform well.

"I feel confident going into the meet that I can jump higher than I have ever jumped before," Hansen said. "Whether or not that ends up winning the meet remains to be seen."

Berryhill said Hansen is a competitor and always performs well in big meets.

"Jeff is the most predictable vaulter that we have had in a long time," Berryhill said. "Our expectations for him are pretty high. I seriously think he will set a new school record."

Hansen, who came to BYU from Idaho, said he is viewing the championships as just another meet and that he has not been doing anything different to prepare.

"I'm not really nervous at this point," Hansen said. "When I get there, I'm sure the adrenaline will start pumping a little faster."

Golf team finishes ninth

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file photo

A member of the golf team sets up his putt in practice this season. Three golfers placed in the top 25 in California this week.

After completing a grueling 54 holes on one of the toughest courses of the year, the men's golf team tied for ninth place at the Cleveland Golf Classic in California.

The Cougars placed three individual players in the top 25.

The Cougars started the tournament off slowly with a score of 310 (+26), but quickly bounced back, ending the second round with a score of 291 (+7). The Cougars best round was the final round where they shot a 290 (+6).

"This is always a very challenging course for the Cougars. It's very demanding off the tee as well as into the greens and the winds were swirling," coach Bruce Brockbank said in a news release. "It was just a very difficult golf course today."

Senior Kyle Wight placed ninth, matching his career best, and led the Cougars with a three-round total of 218. He shot a 76 his first round, followed by a 69 and finished the tournament up with a 73.

"The course was tricky and a good test of our skills," Wight said. "I felt I played well even though I let a couple of shots get away from me."

Freshman Harvey Jr. finished second for the Cougars, shooting the best round of his career at BYU with a 67 (-4). He overall shot a 221 (+8) to finish in a tie for 20th.

It was Harvey's second top 20 finish in as many tournaments.

BYU's All-American Manuel Merizalde had trouble finding his game, finishing in 57th place.

USC, the host team, swept the tournament, 27 shots ahead of BYU and just three shots ahead of second place finishers Washington and Oregon.

BYU changed its traveling squad for this tournament. Overall, the Cougars have made several adjustments to the traveling squad throughout the season and Brockbank said he realizes the need to be patient.

The Cougars' next tournament will be at the Morris Williams Invitational at the University of Texas on March 25-26.

Undefeated rugby to host rival Utah

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The rugby team will put its undefeated record on the line tonight when it takes on in-state rival Utah at 7 p.m. at Haws Field.

The Cougars come into the game at 12-0, including a 29-5 road victory over the Utes on Nov. 3, 2001.

Despite the unblemished record, the team was less than inspired in its last match, a March 1 victory against Air Force.

"If we play like we did against Air Force we will be in big trouble," said sophomore lock James Wheeler. "The whole team needs to step it up, and I'm confident that we will."

Team captain and U.S. National Team member Kimball Kjar sprained his knee against Air Force, but is expected to play.

"Kimball is one tough customer," said rugby trainer Travis Turner. "I think it would take a lot more than a sprained knee to keep him out of the Utah game."

BYU is favored in the match regardless of Kjar's status.

"We match up fairly well against Utah," said junior flanker Daniel Bennion. "We're better as you go through the man-to-man matchups, but they've been improving rapidly."

It may not get as much coverage as the football and basketball rivalries, but there is no love lost between the Cougar and Ute rugby teams.

"I can't explain it, but I'm always a little more juiced to take on Utah," Wheeler said. "It's intense right from the opening kickoff."

Bennion said he was surprised by how serious the rivalry is.

"I thought rivalries like this were confined to high schools and the bigger sports," he said. "But there is a pretty intense hatred between the two teams, no question about it."

Besides bragging rights, the match will help to determine the winner of the Wasatch Cup, which goes to the best rugby team in northern Utah.

Both Utah and BYU have excellent defenses and Bennion said he expects a low scoring game.

"Points are going to be hard to come by," he said. "Both defenses will make sure of that."

After the Utah game, the Cougars will finish up a three-game home stand by taking on Colorado on Saturday.

Softball to play 5 Florida games

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The softball team hopes to continue its high offensive output this weekend as it plays in the South Florida Tournament.

"We've really focused on our hitting the last few years and it's shown," said head coach Mary Kay Amicone.

She said most of the offensive output is from home runs, which helps the team stay competitive in a game, no matter what the score.

"That's the fun thing about our team — the game is really never out of reach," Amicone said.

This weekend the softball team plays five games in three days.

On Thursday BYU (11-8) faces Maryland (7-5) and Houston (14-7). Friday the team plays Michigan State (7-8) and Florida International (16-13). The Cougars finish up the tournament on Saturday with a game against Georgia State (9-11).

The team is also trying to extend a six-game winning streak.

Sophomore pitcher Ariel Capra also said the recent victories have been helpful as the team heads to Florida for the tournament.

"It's a big confidence builder for us to beat top ranked teams," she said.

Capra said the first game of the tournament is important to win in order to prepare the team for the rest of the weekend.

"It gets us ready for the other games," Capra said.

"It gets us going in the right direction."

Sophomore All-American Oli Keohohou and junior outfielder Brooke Cadiente lead the Cougars' offense.

Both also lead the team in home runs with eight each.

Keohohou leads the team in batting average at .488 and runs scored with 21.

Cadiente was named softball player of the week for the Mountain West Conference. She leads the Cougars in hits and RBIs, with 23 hits and 27 RBIs.

Crossword

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31 It may wind up on the side of a house
32 Motor City monogram
34 1940's Giants manager
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39 Housecat's perch
41 Snicker syllable
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50 One that shoots the breeze?
51 Sixth-century date
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58 Actress/singer Tatyana ___
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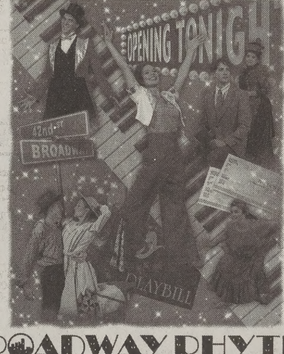

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Luau night

Polynesian dancers perform a traditional dance from the island of Tokelau, as part of the WorldFest 2002 events taking place on campus this week. These dancers are students from the Granite High School District in Salt Lake City.

Mapleton water gets clean

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> "Exposure of the contaminants to people is minimized or not taking place at all."
> — Dennis Frederick, Utah Department of Environmental Quality

Previous and current owners of the Trojan explosives plant in Mapleton are working to prevent future water contamination problems, but first they must deal with the past.

A wrongful death lawsuit filed in federal court last month claims Mapleton groundwater contaminated by the Trojan explosives plant caused two cancer deaths and severely disabled a girl.

The lawsuit is against the New Jersey-based Cytec Industries, a branch of American Cyanimate, which owned the Trojan plant from 1941 to 1963.

The plaintiffs say while American Cyanimate owned the plant, the company was handling, storing and dumping hazardous substances in connection with manufacturing and processing explosives.

"Cytec was engaged in abnormally dangerous and ultra-hazardous activities," the filed complaint said.

During the American Cyanimate's ownership, nitric acid was run through unlined canals and held in unlined impound ponds that allowed it to seep into the ground, according to the filed complaint.

The current owner of the plant is the Ensign-Bicford Company. It took over operations of the plant in 1986, said Peter Barnett, product center manager for the company.

Barnett said during the years American Cyanimate owned the Trojan plant, old-fashioned methods of handling waste products were used.

"Today, there are different regulations with different procedures for handling waste products that contain possible contaminants," Barnett said.

George Yuro, a representative of Cytec Industries, said handling practices during the years in question were both standard and legal at the time.

Although Cytec did not own the Trojan plant during those years, it has assumed responsibility for environmental cleanup because Cytec is a branch of American Cyanimate, Yuro said.

"We are working cooperatively with the state of Utah and the residents of Mapleton," Yuro said.

The Ensign-Bicford Company is also participating in the cleanup effort, Barnett

"We became aware tamination 10 years a participate heavil cleanup," he said. " what has occurred in t feel obligated to help

Barnett said they w ed by the state and to was in order.

Ensign-Bicford has cooperating with the nett said.

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Other measures are to clean up and pre contaminations, inclu and soil analysis removal, Frederick sa

"Exposure of the c to people is minimize ing place at all," Fred

Mapleton residents worry about being contaminated water i he said.

"Prevailing opinion of the damage has b Frederick said.

Study links tanning beds to skin cancer; tanners argue use prevents bu

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The Journal of the National Cancer Institute published a study suggesting tanning beds may double the risk of skin cancer — but don't cancel your tanning appointment just yet.

The study involved 1,500 New Hampshire residents who were questioned regarding their sun exposure, use of tanning beds and sun lamps, said Margaret Karagas, epidemiologist and primary author of the study conducted at Dartmouth Medical School.

"The idea behind my research is that people who reported any use of tanning lamps were more likely to develop certain types of skin cancers," Karagas said.

Joe Levy, vice president of the International Smart Tanning Network, said the study's findings have nothing to do with the tanning industry of today.

"Over half of the people involved in the study used tanning beds prior to 1975, before commercial tanning began in the United States regulated by FDA standards," Levy said.

Safe tanning is now regulated by trained technicians supervising tanning, exposure schedules specialized to different skin types and updated equipment, he said.

"They are trying to pound a square peg into a round hole and the public is going to take notice," Levy said.

Karagas disagrees and believes the study is relevant today since tanning lamps mimic sunlight and provide such intense, concentrated dose of UV rays.

MaryAnn Jones, communication director for the Utah American Cancer Society, said, "Excessive exposure to UV rays is one of the greatest factors in being diagnosed with skin cancer."

Sunburns are where the real harm is done, Jones said.

Levy said, "Tanning beds, with regulated exposure, are more effective in avoiding sunburns than natural sun exposure."

The Academy of Dermatologists indicates a 9 percent increase nationwide in sunburns since last year, while tanners have experienced a decrease in burning because their skin is more acclimated to the sun, Levy said.

Jodee Zaccardie, tanning salon owner in Provo, said many of her customers tan to avoid getting sunburned.

"When they tan, they can gradually increase their sun exposure in a controlled way. They come in two to three times base tan so they don on vacation," Zaccard

Keragas said she ac that the study does concrete evidence of relation between ta and skin cancer.

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Ken Harmon — BYU Idaho
2000 Sales Rep
2001 Experienced Sales Rep

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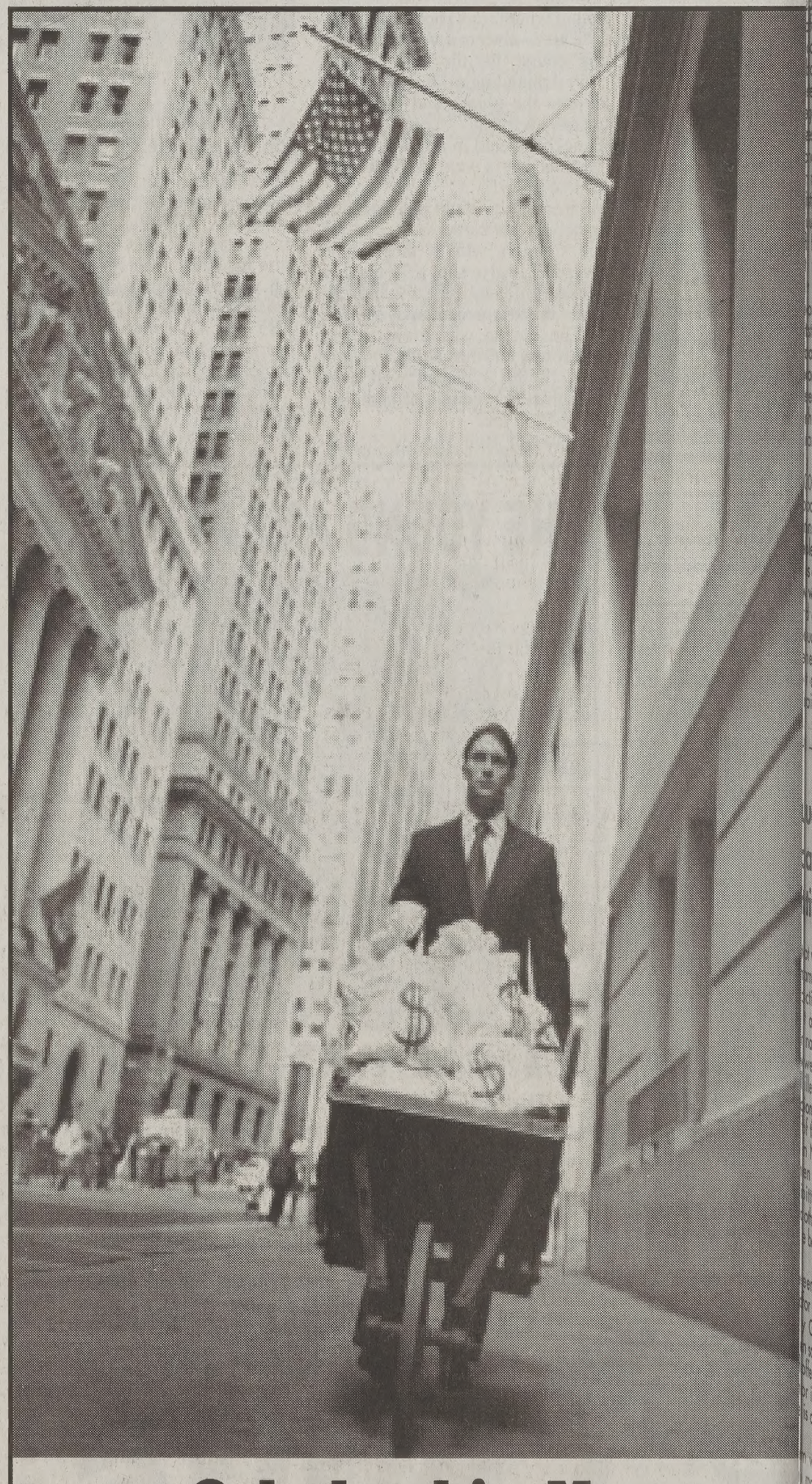

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